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## editors message

The YACO Elections for 1986 officers took place as scheduled on November 3, 1985. RON HILL will serve as YACO President; EMME COLENDICH will be our Vice President; CAROLE GOSPODNETICH is our new Secretary; EVA BULICH will serve again as Financial Secretary; GERI HEEBNER will do very well as our Publicity Director and WALTER ZUROWSKI is our new Treasurer. As RON so aptly put it, "No new faces - just new places." Actually, all of the new officers but one have served on the board at different times. WALTER is a new face to the board but certainly not to YACO.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the new officers. I am sure that the year 1986 will be a very good and productive year for YACO.

Let's all get behind our officers and do our part to make the next year a great one for YACO! Let your officers know how you can be of service. Remember, this is YOUR organization and you have to work in order to make YACO work.

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## NEW DEADLINE

A new DEADLINE has been set for the 10th of each month so that we might get the paper out even earlier. It seems that our members out of Watsonville are not receiving their KALIFORNSKI early enough to plan on attending any of our programs. Members in Watsonville receive their copies at least two days after mailing so it seems to be a problem with a hold up at the post office. If I don't have the information in time, I will not be able to publish it until the next issue. REMEMBER to send me any information by the 10th of each month.



## A PARTY

GET READY FOR YACO'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!!!!

On Saturday, December 14, 1985, YACO will celebrate another Great Christmas Party with a DELICIOUS pork dinner and all the trimmings. RON HILL and JERRY GOSPODNETICH will serve as our Master Chefs for the evening which guarantees a feast for any hungry palate.

SANTA CLAUS will be there for the youngsters with gifts and good cheer at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at approximately 7:00 p.m. and will be \$10 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. We will have some wonderful raffle items to help raise funds for YACO projects for the new year.

COME ONE - COME ALL to the Kennedy Youth Center on East Lake Avenue, Watsonville on Saturday, December 14, 1985, for a DELICIOUS dinner, great fun and good cheer and a delightful reunion with all your good friends for the sharing of the holiday spirit. (See page 4 for more information)



## OF INTEREST

From NINA MATULICH comes this article from the AARP Newspaper Bulletin (A Senior Citizens paper). She thought you might find it interesting since many of us had our roots in this country begin with the Statue of Liberty.

### STATUE OF LIBERTY PROJECT

The Ellis Island Oral History Project wants to tape the memories of Association members who have stories to tell about their immigration to this country through Ellis Island.

We would like to interview people who immigrated or worked on the island between 1892 and 1954, especially before 1925, in order to record recollections of life in their native countries, their reasons for immigrating, the details of their journey, the Ellis Island experience and their impressions and realities of American life.

The interviews are being conducted for the National Park Service and will become part of the permanent archives of the Ellis Island Museum, scheduled to open July 4, 1987. We look forward to hearing from individuals who came through or worked on Ellis Island and who want to participate in the project. Interested members should contact us.

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### Pauline Batich

On Friday, November 1, 1985, YACO bid a sad farewell to one of our dearest and faithful members, PAULINE BATICH.

We will always hold that empty seat for PAULINE whenever we gather together. She was a very vital part of YACO in a silent manner. Though she spoke softly and not too often, her feelings were always most evident where YACO was concerned.

The last time I spoke with her at one of our YACO meetings, I knew that she had not been feeling well and was having a difficult time. I asked her how she was and she answered with a smile, "Oh honey, if I start telling you about all of my aches and pains, I'll make you sick." She laughed and that was that. She always had a cheery smile for her friends and did good things for the people that she met. What better way to live your life than the way she did.

PAULINE had been a very dear friend to my grandmother, Frances Bakich, and after my grandmother died she always spoke of my grandmother so beautifully. I loved her for that and I will always hold the same beautiful sentiment for PAULINE. She was a Beautiful Lady and we can all be very proud to have enjoyed the pleasure of her company for as long as we did.

-----Patricia L. Solano-----\*\*\*\*\*

## Culture

Friday, November 15, 1985, the Second Annual "International" Festival was held at Cabrillo College Student Center. The groups represented were: The Santa Cruz Scottish Country Dancers, Los Trios Mariachis, Grupo Cuicatlan (Mexican Folk Dancers), Harmonija (Yugoslav singers), Greek Folk Dancers, Israeli Dancers and Folk Songs of Spain.

Everyone was encouraged to wear their native dress. In 1984, more than 800 people attended the event representing 15 different cultures. The event was sponsored by JOHN BASOR, Instructor of English; Susana Meuldijk, Instructor of Spanish and The International Club of Cabrillo College.



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## Spotlight

The BARTOLOVIC FAMILY - PETAR, ANDREJA and LARISA of the Yugoslav Cultural Bank (A Non-profit Organization) requests the pleasure of your presence at their third annual dinner, dance, and music Extravaganza to honour all Yugoslavs and friends of Yugoslavs beginning at 4p.m. on Saturday, the fourth of January, 1986 in the main ballroom of the Hilton Hotel, 66 East Sixth Avenue, Eugene Oregon.

The Yugoslav Cultural Bank is described as such: "Where we deposit our heritage today ... for future generations to draw from ... with interest" - Petar Bartolovic.

The profits from this year's celebration will be used to help the Yugoslav Cultural Bank Fund the start up of an annual week long Yugoslav music, dance, food, and singing camp. It will be located in Oregon, and be available to anyone who wishes to learn more, contribute to, or just enjoy perpetuating our glorious Yugoslav heritage!!!

For more information, call (503) 998-3366 or write to P. O. Box 687, VENETA OREGON 97487.

(THIS VERY INTERESTING information was sent to me by MILLIE NOSICH RICHARDS. THANK YOU MILLIE!!!!)

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MILLIE NOSICH RICHARDS says that she and many others are travelling from Seattle Washington by train to the Yugoslav Cultural Bank celebration. They will party down and back and will include their tamburas. It sounds like great fun!!!!

MILLIE said that some people who she never expected to go, were actually going to the event. As a matter of fact, her brother is one of those going that surprised her. She has gone to the last 5 extravaganzas and has told her brother how great they have been and he was finally moved to join in the fun. Some of her friends from Minneapolis are going to be there too.

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## travel

### ILOK

A medieval town whose prehistoric sites have yielded finds from the neolithic, copper and La Tene ages. In Roman times it was probably the frontier fort of "Cuccim". The medieval brick walls encircling the old part of the town are reinforced with several towers and bastions. The walls have gun embrasures. From the middle ages there is a Romanesque pillar with a relief of "Agus Dei" (12th century). The foundations of the aisled church of St. Peter are all that remain of several nedieval churches. From 1365, the lord of Ilok was Nikola Kont, ancestor of the Counts of Ilok. (Cont'd page 10)

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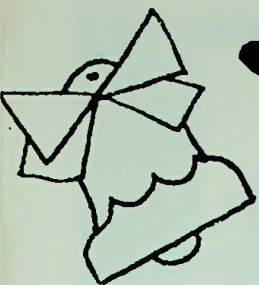
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# YACO



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS



## PARTY

AT: Kennedy Youth Center

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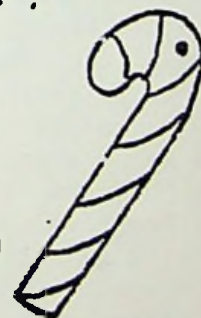
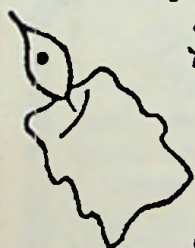
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# Potpourri

By BABE BRAUTOVICH HILL

Elections are over and as RON said, "No new faces, just new places." I'm sure they will all do a great job ... Did you go by the hospital and see that corner without the orchard? You really should. It's a shocker. There has been one orchard there so long as I can remember and then some. The same thing applies to Lipanovich's orchard; from one end of Holohan Road to the other but I hope they keep the middle in tact. Some times "evolving and progress" changes all things familiar. I guess that's life ... GOOD THOUGHTS & POSITIVE ENERGIES go out to HERB STOCKING, KATE BJELOKOSICH and STELLA LUCICH'S brother, NICK ZAR. We all hope that all is well with these people ... Nov. 3rd meeting brought about 35 people - not too good for an election night, but many other things were going on I suppose ... We lost a very dear friend on November 1st, PAULINE BATICH. She was a good friend to YACO and also a personal friend. I know RON & I will miss her very much and we will hurt with memories the same as YACO. Our very dear PAULINE, good bye for now ... Do you feel a slight chill in the air with some rain and cold wind? This is called winter. I wonder what happened to "Indian Summer" - you know, with "a patchy sky." ... Now with Humphrey (or Humphrietta) gone off the front pages, we are back to doom and gloom. Oh well, back to Alley Oop and Prince Valiant ... CHRISTMAS DINNER coming up on December 14th. Once again, Chef Boyardee and his helpers will be doing the traditional pork roast and all the trimmings. SANTA CLAUS as always will be talking to the kiddies. Be sure to call EMME COLENDICH and give her the names of your children that you will be bringing ... SKUTTLEBUTT: I understand that you can buy "the man in your life" a shirt for under \$8.00 at K Mart, made in Yugoslavia. How about that? ... FAMILIAR FACES: E. KORACH, M. GIZDICH, M/M GULERMOVICH, M/M S. ZELAK, GERI & LORI HEEBNER, ANNA RADALYAK, NAIDA NICHOLAS, M/M J. OSORIO, W. ZUROWSKI, MADE COLENDICH, TONY & EMME COLENDICH, NICK MIKE AND DONA CASTELAN, ANTONE & MARY BASICH,

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M/M ALEX SOLANO, M/M ZARKO RADICH, JERRY & CAROLE GOSPODNETICH and JOHN & MARGARET BISKUP ... Did you know that MADE COLENDICH celebrated her 92nd birthday, October 22, 1985? Very belated but a very Happy Birthday Greeting to you MADE ... See you at the CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC. 14. OK?

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## No Paper?

If someone you know is not receiving the KALIFORNSKI, please let us know. We publish this for you the membership and we would like each of you to have the opportunity of keeping in touch with YACO and what is happening. Please don't hesitate to call us at 724-1731 after 6 p.m. or write and let us know that you haven't received an issue or more.

----- THE EDITOR -----



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# COOKING



## KROSTULE (Yugoslavian Fried Ribbon Cookies)

MARY SCURICH FARRIS sent this recipe in and said that she has used it for a number of years and it has been very successful as the Krostule come out very light and thin. The recipe came from a Sunset Cook Book, "Cooking With a Foreign Accent" which is out of print now. Thank you MARY and I am sure many of you will want to try this recipe for the coming holidays.

4 eggs (I use jumbo or extra large)  
4 tbsls. sugar  
3/4 tsp. salt  
4 tbsls. butter or margarine (melted)  
2-3/4 cups flour (approximately)  
2 tsps. Anise extract  
2 tsps. water

BEAT whole eggs until thick and lemon colored - 5 minutes with an electric mixer. Gradually add sugar and salt and beat until dissolved. Stir in melted butter or margarine. Add half the flour and blend well. Stir in Anise extract diluted with water. Add remaining flour to make a rather stiff dough. It is somewhat like a noodle dough. At this point, it is better to knead with your hands and not damage your electric mixer. Add additional flour as necessary so that dough

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stretches, can be handled and does not stick to your hands like chewing-gum. Chill for 15 minutes.

FLOUR a board generously. Take a small portion of the dough and roll out until nearly transparent. Don't be afraid to roll very thin. With a pastry wheel, cut strips about 1 inch wide and 4 inches long.

FRY in hot oil at 360° degrees in an electric frying pan. Use 2 table forks to turn and remove the Krostule. Put in 4 or 5 at a time. Turn once. I just let them sizzle a little, turn and remove. Fry to a very light golden color. DO NOT BROWN OR OVER-FRY. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with powdered sugar from a sifter.

I store them in plastic containers with lids. They keep very well.

NOTE: They can be cut longer and tied in bows; however, they are much harder to handle and fry in the "bow". They break easily as they come out so thin when rolled.

## WELCOME

Welcome to MR. & MRS. JOHN GOSCILA, II  
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## HARMONIJA



### HARMONIJA CAPERS

By NAIDA NICHOLAS

The Veseli Seljaci Cultural Organization had a "Seljački Bazar" last November 3rd at Napredak Hall. The Harmonija choir were guest performers. Our group was very warmly received and served a delicious dinner of sarma with all the trimmings. Florence DiCicco and Jerry Pitts danced to a lovely Slovenian song "Je Bela Cesta Uglajena". JOHN SELAK played his lirica while LUCY SELAK and JOHN BISKUP danced the poskocica. And our littlest star, Rachel Fishler, sang 2 songs to everyone's delight. Angie Atkins and Bill Hansen sang their solos superbly, as they always do.

December will be a busy month for us. On December 7th the American Association of University Women have asked us to perform for their Christmas tea. As we have done for several years now - we will sing for the 5:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church on December 21st. Immediately after we are having our very own Christmas Party at Orchard Park.

December 2nd and 9th are practice sessions.

During the intervening time we will be preoccupied with baking, shopping and just generally preparing for family get togethers.

Stay well and stay happy! Sretan Božić.

## MANY THANKS !!

I would like to thank all the wonderful ladies that baked all the wonderful sweets for our bake sale that was held in the East Lake Shopping Center for International Day, October 12th. I was thrilled that we were able to put it together at the last minute and make for the club \$135.00. I'd especially like to thank STEPHANIE BOKARIZA and GERI HEEBNER. STEP and GERI were of enormous help and support.

We did it!

JOYCE KUSANOVICH

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

From NINA MATULICH comes this interesting news article:

"Mussolini: The Untold Story" is the NBC miniseries entry, with George C. Scott portraying Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator who rose to power in Italy ... during World War II. "Mussolini" airs November 24, 8-11 p.m. and November 25-26, 9-11 p.m., all Eastern time. ... The docu-drama will use about 20 minutes of "colorized" newsreel footage from World War II.

Scott said the NBC-TV Mussolini project - a seven hour production scheduled for broadcast ... was shot entirely in Yugoslavia.

"We were going to shoot some scenes in Italy," he said. "They even prepared a bullet-proof vest for me before giving up the idea. It would have been too dangerous." (Thanks NINA. As her brother-in-law, JACK OSORIO, says, "Nina is a good clipper." And needless to say, I do appreciate her clipping and being on the lookout for news-worthy items for our readers.) THE EDITOR\*\*\*\*

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# VESELI SELJACI NEWS

by Nancy Bjeletich

First, we are delighted to relate the events of our October tamburitza cruise on San Francisco Bay. It was a story-book experience--lovely weather, breath-taking scenery, and non-stop tambura music and dancing. At times there was music on both decks, with Branko Bubalo playing the accordion on one and Dunav on the other. A lot of us felt as though we had died and gone to tambura heaven! We had a very successful evening, thanks to chairperson Kathy Sulaver and her crew. Everyone had a great time, and there has been talk of repeating the experience. We will definitely let you know.

November was one of our busiest months on record. It began with our Seljacki Bazar on November 3 at Napredak Hall. Marlene Sulaver, chairperson, managed to create a Christmas-like atmosphere with the decorations and various booths that offered unique Christmas gifts for sale. The food was delicious, and the pastries disappeared completely to the sweet tooth of our crowd of nearly 300 people.

The entertainment lured our shoppers to stay and spend the afternoon as the entire Veseli organization performed, from the little children through the intermediate and advanced dancers and the Santa Clara Valley Junior Tamburitza, as well as the Veseli Seljaci orchestra. The highlight of the afternoon was Y.A.C.O.'s own Harmonija who delighted the crowd with their lovely voices. Their versatility was remarkable,

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providing accompaniment by the tamburitza and other instruments, including the lyrica. Their costumes and dances to songs from various regions of Yugoslavia completed their very enjoyable presentation. We are most appreciative of their contribution to the success of our program, and we commend Marlene Radovich, director, and Harmonija for a fine job.

On November 14, the Veseli Seljaci performed at the half-time program for the San Jose State-Yugoslavia Basketball game at Civic Auditorium in San Jose. It was great fun!

Then on November 15, 16, and 17, we were part of a Yugoslav Reno Weekend at the Comstock Hotel in Reno. We performed at a dinner gathering of all the guests. The weekend was just super. We were treated royally by the hotel, and enjoyed seeing many Yugoslav people from all over California and Nevada.

Just before we all collapsed into our own family retreats for Thanksgiving, we participated in our annual playing of the tamburitza mass for the Slavonic Mutual Benevolent Society at their hall in San Francisco. This is always a nice afternoon and evening, which begins with the mass and ends with kolo dancing. We look forward each year to the opportunity to play the mass, and to visit with our friends in San Francisco.



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Merry Christmas to all of you in Y.A.C.O. May your Christmas stockings be filled with love and happiness and appreciation for the enrichment that our Yugoslav heritage has given us.

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In the period of Turkish rule (1566-1697), one tower was turned into so-called Turkish baths, the walls decorated with arabesques. From this period dates the so-called Turkish mausoleum, a rare building in these regions. After the withdrawal of the Turks, Ilok became the centre of the vast estate of the dukes (vojvode) of Srem, the Odescalchis.

In the once Gothic, later baroque Franciscan parish church of St. John of Capistrano there are tombstones from the 15th, 16th and 18th centuries and a portrait (19th century) of the defender of Belgrade against the Turks, John of Capistrano, who died in Ilok in 1456. The baroque "Franciscan Abbey", built on the town walls, has a library with c. 4,000 volumes (16th-19th century), baroque paintings and tables with intarsia (1726.)

The medieval castle was turned by the Odescalchis into a baroque "chateau" with double colonnading. Beside the two-storey "chateau", set in a spacious park, a granary was built. In the baroque one-storey town hall (kurija) there is a museum with local historical exhibits. The chapel of St. Roch at the cemetery has baroque furnishings and plate.

(TREASURES OF YUGOSLAVIA - 1982)

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We are very proud to have among our members, Yugoslav-Americans whose families came from the many different regions and republics of today's Yugoslavia. We also have many members who are non-slavic but enjoy, appreciate and support the slavic culture and its vast richness.

Our goals are as we mentioned before, ONLY to promote a cultural awareness and appreciation of our heritage as well as to bring Slavs and non-slavs together in a social and cultural atmosphere. Our programs include folk dances from all regions of Yugoslavia as well as slides and movie presentations, history lectures, folk singing (we have a singing group called "HARMONIJA" who perform not only for YACO functions, but celebrate marvelous performances for many other groups both locally and out of the city), language instruction, and other various cultural activities.

Won't you consider joining us for a good time as well as a very informative experience? All memberships include the receipt of this paper, THE KALIFORNSKI each month to keep you informed of YACO's activities and other informative news.

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1. Trips by YACO members.
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3. Newspaper or magazine articles about Yugoslavia or Yugoslavs, local or abroad.
4. Weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birth announcements, or special celebrations by YACO members.
5. Civic or cultural contributions by Yugoslavs.
6. Yugoslav recipes.
7. Yugoslav songs, poetry or stories.
8. Special family traditions for holidays, etc.
9. Yugoslav stories for children.
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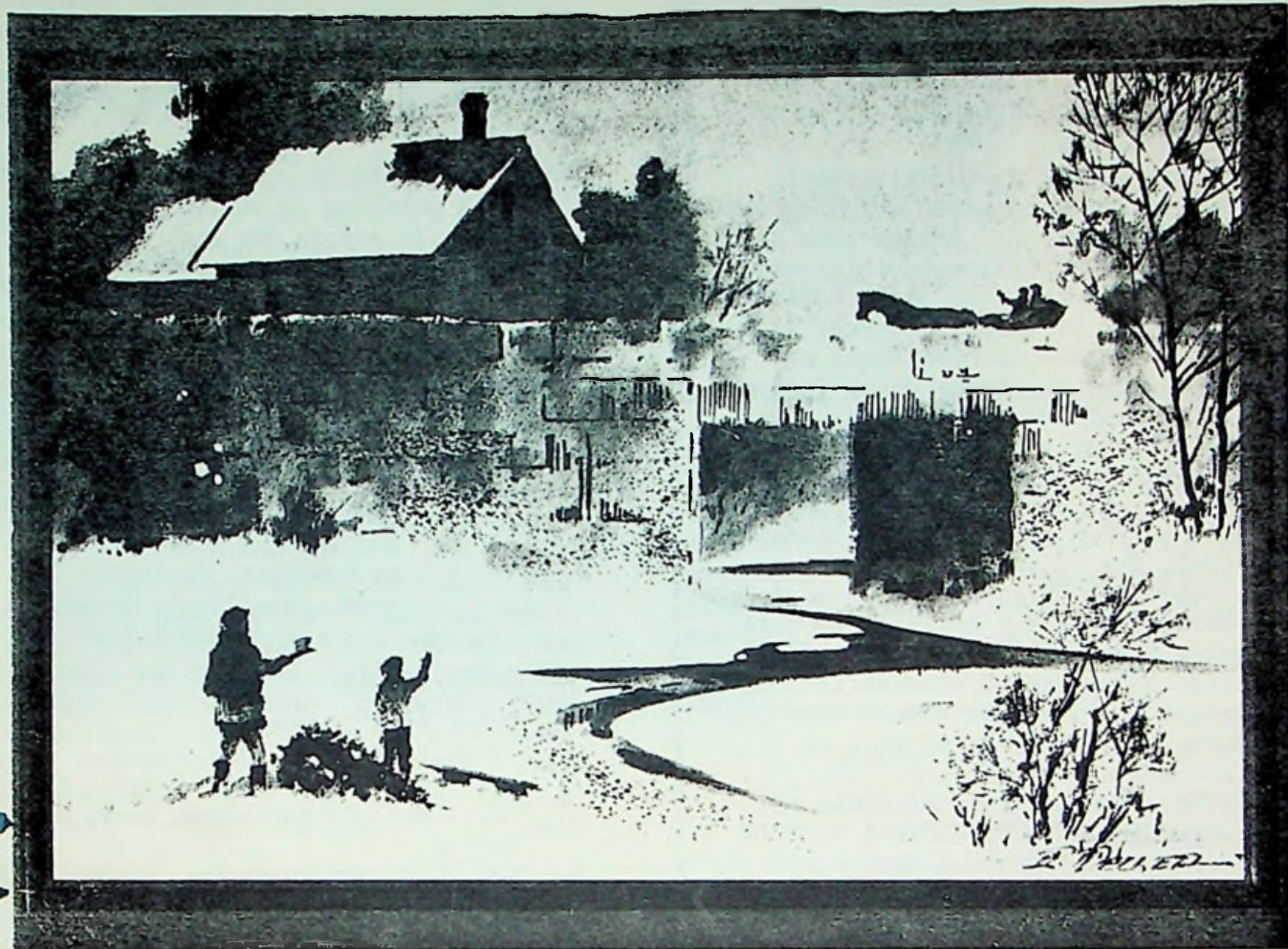
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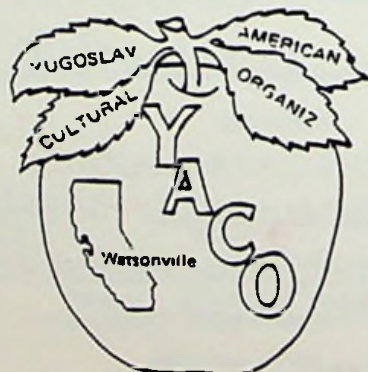


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